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FM AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9522

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FOR PAUL CANNEY EUR/NE AND CU/ARTS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SCUL

SUBJECT: YALE UNIVERSITY BAND

REF: STATE 304068, STATE 003533

1. PLEASE INFORM AMBASSADOR AUSTAD WHO IS CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON THAT SEPPO NIEMINEN OF LEAGUE OF FINNISH-AMERICAN SOCIETIES IS VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING YALE UNIVERSITY BAND PERFORM AT AMERICA DAYS IN TURKU JUNE 11-13 WHICH WILL BE LARGEST SINGLE COMMEMORATION OF U.S. BICENTENNIAL IN FINLAND. HE EMPHASIZES THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO HAVE CULTURAL PRESENTATION OF THIS SIZE AND QUALITY IN AMERICA DAYS PROGRAM. IF YALE SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COME TO TURKU, EMBASSY AND CU/ARTS WOULD IMMEDIATELY HAVE TO START LOOKING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE HIGH QUALITY GROUP WHICH MIGHT COST MORE. YALE BAND WOULD ALSO BE MUCH PREFERABLE IN UNIVERSITY INTELLECTUAL CENTER SUCH AS TURKU THAN MILITARY BAND WHICH PLAYED IN 1975 AMERICA DAYS.

2. RE FINANCING, LEAGUE COULD PROBABLY CUT COSTS BY ARRANGING HOME HOSPITALITY IN TURKU WHICH WOULD ALSO MEAN THAT THERE WOULD BE MUCH MORE PERSONAL INTERCHANGE BETWEEN YALE STUDENTS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY. REMAINDER OF FUNDS NEEDED COULD EITHER BE PROVIDED BY BICENTENNIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTED BY U.S. COMPANIES, OR BY BICENTENNIAL FUND AND USIS SHARING COSTS OF YALE BAND. IF, AMBASSADOR PREFERS LATTER ARRANGEMENT, THE REMAINING BICENTENNIAL FUNDS COULD

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BE USED TO ASSIST IN FINANCING NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC

ORCHESTRA'S TWO CONCERTS IN HELSINKI FESTIVAL AUGUST 30 AND
SEPTEMBER 1. U.S. COMPANIES COULD THEN RECEIVE CREDIT FOR
MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE APPEARANCES OF BOTH CULTURAL
PRESENTATIONS.

3. REQUEST CU/ARTS DISCUSS THE ABOVE MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR
AUSTAD ASAP AND INFORM YALE BAND AND EMBASSY OF AMBASSADOR'S
VIEWS.
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